

the names of Dante, or of Milton, of Thom as a-Kempis, or of John Bunyan. Other books are for special times or separate races; this book has been for every age, for men of every clime. Other books are for the poor and obscure; this book, ignoring the inch-high distinction of rank and wealth, regards solely in their relationship to God as heirs of the common mysteries of life and death, of corruption and immortality. Other books are for the mature or the youthful; this book alone neither wearies the aged nor repels the child. Other books are for the learned or the ignorant; this book in the sweetest and simplest elements of its revelation is not more dear to the German philosopher than to the negro's child. In it mind becomes spontaneously luminous, heart flashes to heart with electric thrill. The North American Indian reads it in his rude wigwam on the icy coasts of Hudson's Bay; the Kaffir in his kraal; the savage of the Pacific in his coral isle; the poor old woman in the squalid slum, no less than the emperor in his royal chamber and the scholar in his college room.

Power of the Bible Over Life

C. H. Parkhurst.

Where is a second book uninspired by Scripture, that has demonstrated its adherent and unassisted energy to take hold of life, grapple with it, transform it, regenerate it, and lead it out into the likeness of the life of God? Only He who knows man could have made man a book. Only he that made all hearts could produce a book that should go the wants of all hearts. "I see," wrote Hallam, "that the Bible fits into every fold crevice of the human heart. I am a man, and believe that this is God's book because it is man's book."

The Mission Field

Missionary Convention

A Missionary Convention will be held in the Fairview Brethren church, near South Bend, Indiana, Dec. 27-29 inclusive.

A very strong, interesting and instructive program has been prepared. Some of our best men will be present and speak on such topics as are of most interest, and most opportune to the interest of the Brethren church at present.

The worth and value of these conventions cannot be over-estimated. Our people must be educated along the lines of Christian-giving and general missionary work; and it is the purpose of these conventions to give such training.

There should be a good attendance at this convention, the first to be held in the state of Indiana, which has already earned and deserved the name of being the most aggressive state in the brotherhood. Let us not lose the name. But what we have already accomplished let it serve only as a basis for yet greater achievements. We can do much in Indiana and what we can do we ought to do and are responsible to

God and must give answer to him if we do not do what we can do.

The members of the Fairview church will open their doors and entertain all that may come. Some, and especially the preachers, know somewhat of the entertainment to be had at Fairview. We are ready to receive you. Are you coming?

Again the date of this convention was arranged so that you could take advantage of holiday rates on all railroads. There is no excuse therefore for your not coming.

The program will be announced next week. But whether it is announced or not, be sure that it will be the very best possible to be made.

This invitation does not confine itself to the ministers and lay workers of Indiana. The invitation is to all that may be interested in Christian work and living. Come, you will be welcomed. Bring your Bible, note book and pencil.

WM D. FURRY, Pastor.

WASHINGTON CITY ECHOES

On Monday evening, November 21st, our little band met in a large upper room and celebrated the holy symbols. It was a most blessed service, indeed. O, how can any afford to lose the blessings that are united with these sacred ordinances?

And in these beautiful and divinely-chosen symbols what a powerful plea do we have for holiness! Beloved, in these "last days" when the cause of true holiness is being brought into disrepute more and more by many who have the form but deny the power, let us faithfully cling to the divine testimonies. Let none oppose the true doctrine of holiness because many abuse it.

We are still pressing on in the name of the Master who has promised to be with us to the end. He is not only with us to the end, but he "loves to the end." Yes, and bless His Holy name, he has promised the sweet

"Sunshine of His smile,
In the life that has no end."

"Jesus satisfies my soul, for I am saved,
From the sin that caused unrest;
He has broken all the chains that once enslaved,
Bringing heaven to my breast."

Thanksgiving will soon be here. Brother, "Is it well with thee?" If so, if Christ has been formed in you as the hope of glory, you will then know—and only then,—the real meaning of thanksgiving.

On last Sunday morning my theme was
TRUE THANKSGIVING.

Text, Dan. 6: 10. "Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God as he did aforetime."

That is the kind of thanksgiving that counts before God. Beloved, it is our privilege to have "the faith of God," so that we can praise God in times of adversity and trial as well as in prosperity.

When we are truly walking in the King's highway of holiness we can thank God in the mouth of the lion's den as did Daniel; like Paul we can "glory in tribulation;" and like Paul and Silas, hold a praise service even at midnight while in prison and in fetters.

But I had not thought of saying all these things.

I am kept very busy these days and the Lord is blessing the work.

In my next I trust to have something good to say about our prospective "church home" in the Capital City.

Just received a ten dollar pledge from a college student who is taking his course on borrowed capital. He has faith for ten dollars for the church even tho he does not know now just how it will come. That is the kind of faith to have—the kind that moves things.

How soon we would have that church home if we only had a few of that kind among those who have abundant means even in sight!

It is blessed to give when you already have it on hand, but much more blessed to trust God for what is not seen, and let Him "bring it to pass." Ps. 37: 4, 5.

Our thanks are due Brother and Sister Spiggle, of Meadow Mills, Virginia, and also our dear brother, Dr. Reichard, of Fairplay, Maryland, for their kind remembrance of some of our needs for the "outward man."

May the Lord richly bless them!

I close with a few words of praise for the EVANGELIST. It does seem to me that we have much to be thankful for in the service of Bro. Gnagey.

Are we holding up his hands as we should? Say the good words now, and rally round him now, while the burden and heat of the day is upon him. Don't wait; it will soon be too late; now is the time. And if we truly appreciate his service, let us show it by not only saying words of cheer, but best of all by rolling up a long list of subscriptions for 1899. By the help of the Lord, that is what I mean to do. We expect not only to keep all the old subscribers on the list but to get many new ones. All are highly pleased with our church paper.

It is good and it is our place to help to still make it better.

Yours in the Gospel work,

W. M. LYON.

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ONENESS OF PURPOSE

JACOB C. CASSEL

In all our church work there should be oneness of purpose, and that one purpose the purpose of God.

The one purpose of God in the sacrifice of his Son, the one purpose of Christ in coming to this world was the evangelization of the world and the salvation of souls, and before He went back again to be at the right hand of God the Father He definitely and pointedly committed the accomplishment of that work to the church and afterwards sent the Holy Spirit into the world to make the work